

Introduced by Senator Polanco

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 27—Relative to California-Latin America air service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 27, as introduced, Polanco. California-Latin America air service.

This measure would request that the federal government assure the State of California that the next air transport agreements between the United States and Brazil and Argentina include direct, nonstop service between California and those countries.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California currently suffers from a
- 2 disproportionate lack of passenger and air cargo service
- 3 to many points throughout Latin America, specifically
- 4 Brazil and Argentina; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Business and leisure travelers from
- 6 California and the western United States are currently
- 7 forced to fly to Brazil and Argentina via inconvenient
- 8 gateways on the East Coast or in foreign countries, adding
- 9 up to 12 hours in round-trip travel time; and
- 10 WHEREAS, California's exports to Argentina are the
- 11 largest of any state and are the second largest of any
- 12 state's exports to Brazil and yet remarkably the state lacks
- 13 daily nonstop service to either country; and

1 WHEREAS, Daily nonstop service between Los
2 Angeles and Buenos Aires and Los Angeles and Sao Paulo
3 presents an excellent opportunity to create further
4 regional commercial benefits that will contribute to the
5 economic prosperity of the entire United States; and

6 WHEREAS, California is a natural gateway to Latin
7 America due to its geographic position, strong passenger
8 demand, and cultural and business ties; and

9 WHEREAS, California now has the opportunity to
10 benefit from new, nonstop air service to Argentina and
11 Brazil; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State*
13 *of California, jointly,* That the Legislature respectfully
14 requests that the President of the United States and the
15 Secretary of Transportation assure California that the
16 next air transport agreements between the United States
17 and Brazil and the United States and Argentina provide
18 for direct nonstop service between California and Brazil
19 and Argentina; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Legislature respectfully requests
21 that the Secretary of Transportation meet with
22 California's business, community, cultural, and trade
23 representatives to fully assess the need for direct nonstop
24 air service between California and Brazil and Argentina;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit
27 copies of this resolution to the President of the United
28 States, the Secretary of Transportation, and to each
29 Senator and Representative from California in the
30 Congress of the United States.

